

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 18 and 33 are amended, claims 1-17 and 19 are canceled, as a result, claims 18 and 20-40 are now pending in this application. No new subject matter is added.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement and a 1449 Form on September 10, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests that initialed copies of the 1449 Forms be returned to Applicants' Representatives to indicate that the cited references have been considered by the Examiner.

§§ 102 and 103 Rejection of the Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claim 38 was allowable. In the reasons presented (paragraph 13), the Examiner noted that the cited documents did not disclose that when carbon monoxide is detected, the resistance of the sensor element increases and the current through the sensor element decreases and that this phrase breathed life and meaning into claims. Claim 18 is amended to include this description; it is believed that this claim is now allowable. The remaining claims all depend (either directly or indirectly) from claim 18. Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 are believed moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2106 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

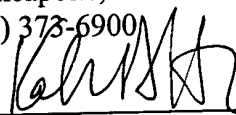
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